(b) whether Government is considering to formulate an action plan to regulate private universities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The share of private participation in education has increased over the years. Private Universities are regulated by the UGC (Establishment and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. Further, according to the University Grants Commission (UGC), it has recently constituted an Expert Committee to formulate regulations for admission and fee structure in private self-financing institutions Deemed-to-be-Universities.

Students going abroad for studies

1730. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who went abroad for studies between 2001 and 2006;

(b) whether it is a fact that around 90 per cent of the students never came back;

(c) if so, whether it would not cause brain drain in the country; and

(d) what is the policy of Government on this and the steps taken to achieve the said policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The data in this regard is not Centrally maintained.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present students can pursue studies abroad in institutions admitting them for the purpose.

Entertainment of physically challenged kids

1731. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, due to lack of facilities in various schools in Maharashtra, physical challenged kids are not entertained by schools;

(b) whether the city schools, which are ill-equipped to deal with the wheelchair-bound students, are proving to be a hurdle to their dreams;

(c) if so, whether these disabled children are deprived of having education in the State; and

(d) if so, what concrete measures Government proposes to take to provide infrastructure and also equip all the schools, so that physically challenged kids are admitted for study?